REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND RECORD OF ACTION

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August 12, 2003

FROM: THOMAS R. LAURIN, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2003 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution approving the 2003 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report and authorize submission to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In order to meet EDA grant funding requirements, a CEDS report must be prepared and submitted to EDA for approval. The report or an update thereof, is prepared annually, documenting and analyzing the condition of the County's economy, setting goals and objectives, and developing strategies for implementation. The CEDS also serves to identify proposed projects submitted by cities, local government entities, and non-profit or faith-based organizations that are consistent with the County's economic development goals. To satisfy EDA requirements regarding local participation, surveys were sent to the County's 24 cities/towns, municipal advisory committees, utility agencies, and other County departments. The 2003 CEDS was reviewed and approved by the County's CEDS Committee (consisting of members from the County's Workforce Investment Board) on July 16, 2003.

Approval of this resolution will allow the County, its cities/towns, and non-profit or faith-based organizations to apply for EDA funding.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: The item and resolution were reviewed and approved by Deputy County Counsel, Michelle D. Blakemore, on July 25, 2002 and the County Administrative Office, Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III on July 28, 2002.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Submission of the CEDS does not affect the County's General Fund. However, eligibility to apply for EDA funding is dependent upon Board of Supervisors and federal Economic Development Administration approval.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All.

PRESENTER: Thomas R. Laurin, Director, 388-0808.

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